

Wodonga Catholic Parish



March 21st - 2021 The 5th Sunday of Lent

THE FIFTH SUNDAY
OF LENT

WODONGA PARISH CENTRE

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OFFICE HOURS

9:30 am - 4:00 pm
Monday to Friday

PRESBYTERY

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PARISH PRIEST

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0459-356-917

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Father Dean Bongat
0401 337 433

PASTORAL ASSISTANT

Sister Eileen Reardon
0458 327 554 (Mt Beauty)

WEEKEND MASSES

WODONGA

Sacred Heart Church

Saturday 5:00 pm.

Sunday 8:30 am 10.30 am

4th Sunday of each month

Youth Mass 5:00 pm

TANGAMBALANGA

Our Lady Help of Christians

2nd & 4th Sunday 10:30 am

BETHANGA

St Francis No Masses

DEDERANG

St Joseph's

1st, 3rd, Sunday 10.30 Mass

5th Sunday 10:30 am Liturgy of

The Word and Communion

MT BEAUTY

St Joseph's

1st to 4th Sunday 8.30am

5th Sunday 8.30am Liturgy of

The Word and Communion

WEEKDAY MASS:

Sacred Heart Church

Tuesday to Friday 9:15 am

SATURDAY

St Augustine's Church

Saturday 9.30am

RECONCILIATION:

Sacred Heart Church

Saturday 9.00am to 9.30am

Country Churches: Before Mass



QR CODE:

You may notice next to the sign in sheet in the foyer of Sacred Heart Church and various places around the church this QR Code:

This code is used for contact tracing in regards to Covid19 which is a government requirement.

TO USE: Simply use the camera in your phone, hold it over the code. A link will appear - hit the link - this will take you to a form where you can record your name and phone number.

If you are having trouble with this code our priests are happy to help you.

If you do not have a smart phone please print your details on the sign-in sheet in the foyer of the church. Thank you for your understanding it is very much appreciated.

HALIMA'S STORY

"However dark things are, goodness always re-emerges and spreads.

Each day in our world beauty is born anew" - Pope Francis

Halima is raising two children under seven in a refugee camp in Bangladesh, while caring for her mother who has a disability. Widowed at just 21, Halima fled violence in Myanmar's Rakhine State in 2017, arriving at the camp with nothing. Caritas Australia, through its partner, Caritas Bangladesh, helped Halima out with a shelter and cooking equipment so that she could feed her family. She participated in hygiene and sanitation training and took on the role of community trainer herself, organising the cleaning of washrooms, wells and toilets. Halima's training became all the more invaluable as the COVID-19 pandemic struck - when safe hygiene and preventative measures suddenly became lifesaving.

Halima is proud that she is able to earn a small income, while maintaining the health of her family and the cleanliness of the camp community. Her children are adapting to life in the camp and are now at school.



Halima aspired to 'Be More' for her family and for the community around her.

"My hope is that our children will be able to do a job, to live with pleasure, they will find their happiness - that will bring wellbeing for them," Halima says.

<https://lent.caritas.org.au/donate>

Please Note:

Our 10:30 am Mass this Sunday is dedicated to the memory of Anne Glass, who was a long standing member of the Wodonga Catholic Parish Community. Anne died on March 23rd last year during the Covid 19 pandemic .

Recent Deaths: Pablo Fuentes Gomez.

Anniversaries: Anne Glass, Mary Holman, Franciscka, Ivan, Mary, Stanislav & Rudy Kalc, John Byrne, Ivan Setka, Pat Larkin.

Sick: Zak Oliver, Salome Ramirez, Ric Glavocih, Mary Shaddock, Ricky Ellul, John Radcliffe, parishioners who are ill, their families & Carers

Knights of the Southern Cross.....Rotary Raffle

Our local branch of the KSC are once again selling tickets for the Rotary raffle after all weekend Masses.

OR call Michael McCormick PH: 0429009595.

ONLY \$2.50 per ticket

Proceeds to the Knights of the Southern Cross Welfare and Parish initiatives

Your Parish Pastoral Council Needs You. Your participation is needed and valued.

The Parish Pastoral Council is an important committee in our Parish as it supports Fr Junjun in his position as Parish Priest. The PPC is inviting interested parishioners to consider joining this important committee for the betterment of our Parish.

Please contact the Parish Centre PH: 60243366 for more information.

John 12:20-33

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Phillip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this to him, 'Sir, we would like to see Jesus.' Phillip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Phillip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

"Now the hour has come
For the Son of Man to be glorified I tell you, most solemnly,
unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies,
It yields a rich harvest.
Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.
If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too.
If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him.
Now my soul is troubled.
What shall I say:
Father, save me from this hour?
But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour.
Father, glorify your name!
A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.'
People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, "It was an angel speaking to him.'
Jesus answered, 'it was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.
'Now sentence is being passed on this world;
Now the prince of this world is to be overthrown.
And when I am lifted up from the earth,
I shall draw all men to myself.'
By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

Readings this week:

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Hebrews 5:7-9
John 12:20-33

Readings next week

Entrance: Mark 11:1-10
Isaiah 50:4-7
Philippians 2:6-11
Passion of Mark 14:1-5:47

Responsorial Psalm :

Create a clean heart in me, oh God

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
If you Serve me, follow me, says the Lord: and where I am, my servant will also be. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.



First Reconciliation Enrolment:

Enrolments are now open for the Wodonga Catholic Parish First Reconciliation Program. An enrolment form can be found on our website via email wodcath@bigpond.net.au or via our CEW Schools. Your form must be completed and returned to the Parish Centre – no later than Monday the 19th April. If you have any queries or concerns please don't hesitate to contact the Parish Centre PH: 60243366

Holy Land Collection— Good Friday April 2nd— 2021

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, April 2nd. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages, and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from this collection. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Last year, due to the global pandemic, it was an extremely difficult time for the Church and people of the Holy Land with very little income due to the lack of pilgrims and the closure of churches around the world. Despite this, Australian Catholics did manage to donate \$406000 (compared to the \$1.3 million in 2019).

This year, the Holy Land will continue to face an extreme shortfall in income due to the ongoing effects of the pandemic and so we are urging Catholics around the world to be as generous as possible.

Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday and please keep them in your prayers.

Please note :The second collection on April 2nd at all Masses is dedicated to the Holy Land Good Friday appeal.

YEAR 12 PRAYER CARDS



The tradition of the Year 12 Prayer cards has been in operation at Sacred Heart Parish Wodonga since the early 2000s. Over this time parishioners have been invited to take a prayer card and pray for the students over the course of the year.

In 2021 we are extending this invitation to our wider Catholic community and inviting parishioners from Beechworth, Chiltern, Rutherglen, Corryong, Mt Beauty Dederang, Tangambalanga and Tallangatta. This extension reflects the connection that our students have with the broader North East area.

Each year the Parishioners and students come together for a Breakfast – this provides an opportunity for them to get to know each other. The tradition has been growing strongly each year and the Breakfast has become an integral way to bring the communities together.

We appreciate the prayers from the Parish Community and the students are always keen to meet the person who is praying for them (if they don't already know them). We encourage parishioners to pray for students they may not know rather than family members (we assume you will be praying for them anyway).

Please record your name and details on the sheet provided so that we will be able to let the students know who is praying for them.

God bless you for your concern for and support of our young people.

Chris Telford

Catholic Identity Leader

Catholic College Wodonga

Octogenarians

Our next Octogenarian gathering is Friday March 27th, 10 am - at the Wodonga Plant Farm.

All welcome.

Contact numbers:
0458031903 0458327554



To enhance the appearance and ambience of the quadrangle, it is hoped to furnish the area with a number of leafy pot plants .

We are seeking donations of any sizable pot plants from our parishioners to assist with the landscaping.

Alternatively, small cash donations towards the purchase of pots and plants would also be appreciated .

If you are able to contribute, please contact Sonni at the parish Centre.

Ph: 60243366 or E: wodcath@bigpond.net.au



Wodonga Catholic Parish Holy Week & Easter Mass Times 2021

The Community Celebrates Reconciliation _ March 25th - Sacred Heart Church— Wodonga 7:00 pm .

Palm Sunday: March 28th - Blessing of the palms at all Masses this weekend.

Chrism Mass: March 30th - Sacred Heart Cathedral, **Bendigo 11:00 am**

Holy Thursday: April 1st- 8.00 am - Tenebrae – St Augustine's Church, Wodonga
(Extended Morning Prayer of the Church)

5.00 pm — until 5.45 pm Reconciliation - Sacred Heart Church Wodonga

7.00 pm Reconciliation - **Mt Beauty**

7.00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper — **Mt Beauty**

7.00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper — Sacred Heart Church **Wodonga**
"The Watch" before the Blessed Sacrament will conclude with night prayer of the Church at **9.00 pm**

Good Friday April 2nd - .8.00 am - Tenebrae - St Augustine's Church - Wodonga

10.30 am Stations of the Cross — **Dederang** followed by Reconciliation

3.00 pm Liturgy — The Lord's Passion — **Mt Beauty** followed by Reconciliation

3.00 pm Liturgy — The Lord's Passion — Sacred Heart Church **Wodonga**
Reconciliation 4.00 pm — 5.00 pm

Holy Saturday Vigil April 3rd - 8.00 am - Tenebrae - St Augustine's Church, Wodonga

9.00 am - until 9.30 am Reconciliation - Sacred Heart Church **Wodonga**

9:30 am - Preparation Rites: RCIA Candidates Sacred Heart Church **Wodonga**

7.00 pm Easter Vigil — Sacred Heart Church **Wodonga**

7.00 pm Easter Vigil — St Joseph's Church **Mt Beauty**



Daylight Savings Ends
Turn your Clocks back one hour before bed on April 3rd

Easter Sunday April 4th-

Sunrise Service - 6:30 am Ecumenical Service **Tawonga Gap**—Led by St Joseph's Catholic Church

8.30 am & 10.30 am Sacred Heart Church **Wodonga**

8.30 am St Joseph's Church **Mt Beauty**

10.30 am St Joseph's Church **Dederang**